of the population is younger than 18 years, while about 15% are over 65 years.

Kill Devil Hills continues to experience population growth. The North Carolina Office of State Planning, State Data Center, estimates the Town=s 1995 population to be 4,836; an increase of 14.1% since 1990. The provisional population estimate from the State places the Town=s 1996 population at 5,130, an increase of 892 since 1990, or an average annual increase of about 3% during the period. The peak population is estimated to be about 40,000.

TABLE 1 provides a comparison of 1980 and 1990 population totals and the 1994 population estimates for selected Outer Banks localities and percentages of population growth.